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Dear Planning Participant,

The North Fork Ranger District of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests is seeking comments on the Owl Salvage project during a 30-day comment period. The Owl Salvage is located approximately 23 miles northeast of Pierce, Idaho in Township 40 N Range 7 E Sections 12/13. The project is proposed to recover economic value of fire killed trees, reforest the burned area, and reduce hazards to the public and forest workers resulting from the 2021 Owl Fire.

I invite you to review the proposed action that proposes regeneration harvest and reforestation, prescribed burning of activity generated fuels, and associated road activities. It is important that any comments you provide are substantive and specific that may help in refining the proposed action and identifying preliminary issues.

Comments submitted for this project will become part of the project record, which will be available to the public. The Owl Salvage proposed action responds to the need for the proposal described above. The Forest Service interdisciplinary team developed the proposed action to respond to the effects of high severity wildfire that occurred during the summer of 2021.

The Owl Salvage project is expected to be categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and authorized by a Decision Memo. This project would not be subject to the pre-decisional administrative review process (objection process) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 218 subparts A and B. While comments on projects are accepted at any time during the planning process, the Responsible Official does not anticipate providing an additional request for written comments other than this 30-day comment period on this proposed action.

If you have questions regarding the Dead Laundry project, please contact Andrew Skowlund, District Ranger, 208-476-8223; or andrew.skowlund@usda.gov. Thank you for your interest in the management of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests.

Sincerely,

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